CONFERENCE CONTENT & OBJECTIVES

This conference will explore a wide-range of cultural and clinical concerns that put people with developmental disabilities at increased risk for health & safety issues. Insight will be provided into cultural factors affecting risks, substance abuse issues, concerns resulting from the aging process, and clinically specific risk factors. At the end of this conference, participants will be able to identify factors that increase the risk for compromising the health and safety of clients, verbalize an acceptable method for assessing and planning for frequently occurring risk factors and for designing effective proactive interventions, and cite examples of techniques that professionals use in working with people with developmental disabilities who present in high risk situations.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience is Service Coordinators and Service Coordination Supervisors. Regional Centers may include quality assurance and training staff as well as other members of their Risk Management Committees.

THE COLUMBUS ORGANIZATION

The Columbus Organization is the largest consulting and professional staffing company solely focused on serving people with developmental disabilities by enhancing the programs and services of providers and service coordinators who support them.

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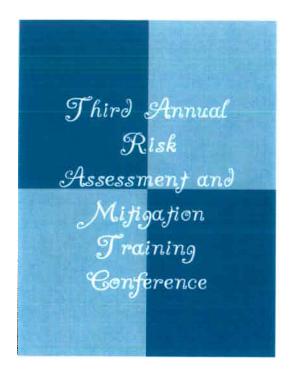
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SPEAKERS

Judith C. Bjorndal, M.D. is a board-certified Pediatrician and is Medical Director at the Sonoma Developmental Center in Eldridge, California. She is also a certified Addiction Medicine specialist, and has been in the addiction medicine field since 1985. Additionally, Dr. Bjorndal is Medical Director of Women's Recovery Services in Santa Rosa, California.

JoAnn Damrus-Rodriguez, LCSW, Ph.D. has contributed to social work with older adults by defining practice and professional standards at local, state and national levels. Dr. Damron-Rodriguez is a hensed clinical social worker with over twenty years of experience working in health settings including hospice care and has testified about policy issues, workforce competency standards and emographic needs related to California's projected aging population. She is currently an advisor to the World Health Organization, Kobe Center for Health Development regarding community-based care in developed and developing countries. Dr. Damron-Rodriguez has published extensively on periatric education, ethnic diversity, and community based elder care.

Robert C. Go egos M.A. is a graduate of California State University, Los Angeles with Bachelor and Master's degrees in Psychology. Currently, he is a partner of Gallegos, Brown, Silvey & Associates (CaS), a Northern California management consulting firm specializing in Human Resources Development. He has been the Dean of National Hispanic University and currently is President of the National Coalition Of Employers, a Nam-Profit Organization helping minority students complete their college educations.

Igmes Wilkow M.D. currently serves as a staff physician at the Austin State School in Austin, Texas. Dr. Wilkox received his training at the Medical College of Georgia and Maricopa County General Haspital in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Wilkox has more than eighteen years of experience working with people with developmental disabilities and has provided consultation to a number of Collifarnia Regional Centers on a variety of medical issues including mortality review. He has recently completed review of mortality practices at two Regional Centers. Dr. Wilkox has consulted nationally in community systems for persons with developmental disabilities.

Joan B. Wood. Ph.D., is Executive Director of the Northern California Geriatric Education Center and Adjunct Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco. She is also Associate Director of the UCSF/Mt. Zion Center on Aging and Campus Planner for the UCSF Academic Geriatric Resource Center (AGRC). She has an Master's degree in Gerontology and a doctorate in Developmental Psychology from Virginia Cammonwealth University. Dr. Wood has extensive experience in aging and developmental disabilities. She conducted seminal population-based research on older adults with developmental disabilities in Virginia in 1989-90.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

Keynote: Cultural Issues in Developmental Disabilities

10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Track I: Substance Abuse

Track II: Aging

12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Track I: Clinically Specific Risk Factors

Track II: Cultural Issues (application)

4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Speaker Panel

Wrap-up

Continuing Education Units will be available for Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Registered Nurse through arrangement with the Central Valley Regional Center and The Columbus Organization.

There is no charge for this conference.

Central Valley Regional Center and this Course meet the qualifications for 6.75 hours of continuing education credit for MFTs and/or LCSWs (provider number PCE 2976), and R.N.s (provider number CEP 12783).